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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001 for which a threemonth period for response was given making this response due on or before February 20, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter the amendments to claims 42, 45, and 46, as shown below.

(Amended) A method for producing a complete gp190/MSP1 protein of a *Plasmodium*. 42. comprising expressing a nucleotide sequence encoding the complete gp190/MSP1 protein in a single expression vector, wherein the adenine and thymine (AT) content of the expressed nucleotide sequence encoding the complete gp190/MPS1 protein is less than the AT content of a naturally occurring nucleotide sequence encoding a gp190/MPS1 protein.

45. (Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the AT content is reduced from about 74% to about 55%.

Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the nucleotide sequence encoding the complete gp190/MSP1 is set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.